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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 15, 2001, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 3-20.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 3-20 are withdrawn. Claims 1-2 remain in this application and are submitted for the Examiner's consideration.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Specifically, the Examiner asserts: "In claim 1, the phrase 'an isolation trench enclosing an area of the semiconductor body' is not understood and not described in the